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Mr. BAVIUS,

I LIVE for the moſt part in the countrey, and am ſtrenuouſly attached to whatever may promote the welfare or improvement of my countrey-men. About this time of the year, I generally come to Town for three months: during which, I make it my buſineſs to collect and read all the new productions of entertainment; and to viſit all the places which afford the moſt polite diverſions. In order to this, I conſult my town acquaintance, among whom I will preſume to reckon ſome of rank and figure; to know where I may be moſt agreeably and uſefully entertained in the courſe of an evening.

At this time, wherever I went, I could hear nothing but a profuſion of praiſe on the French Theatre, and the inimitable *Monſieur* FRANCISQUE, the delight of the *Beau Monde*. Theſe high recommendations of him raiſed my curioſity ſo far, that I went to his benefit. The ſplendid appearance of the company ſurprized me moſt agreeably; whilſt the incuneation of the numerous audience reminded me of the impenetrable union of the *Grecian Phalanx*. But I could not but obſerve this material difference: the latter, by their indiſſoluble conjunction, were formidable enemies to all foreign innovations; whereas our theatrical aſſembly was cloſely rivetted together, in order to encourage all that ought to be repugnant to the improved taſte of a true Engliſh-man, who ſhould never find pleaſure where nature and good ſenſe are wanting. —— From the exaggerated encomiums of *Monſieur* FRANCISQUE, and from the magnificence, rank, and number of the audience at his benefit, before the drawing up of the curtain, I fed myſelf with the pleaſing hope, that this French operator (his Harlequinſhip muſt excuſe me, if I think the name of actor too dignified for his character) had contributed to the reforming of the many abuſes, which had ſo long prevailed on our Engliſh ſtages, by introducing the beſt plays of CORNEILLE, MOLIERE, RACINE, and other celebrated French poets. His example, (he being of that countrey, whoſe manners and faſhions we are ſo fond of *mimicking*) I flattered myſelf, would have influenced the directors of our Theatres to bring on our beſt plays, and to baniſh all buffoonery, harlequinades, and all our new-fangled medleys, without even giving quarter to the celebrated *Beggars Opera*, or the numerous performances of the exuberant author of the *Tragedy* of *Tragedies*. How delightful was this imaginary hope, that good ſenſe, exalted ſentiments, refined humour, and manly ſatire, once the well-cultivated plants of the Britiſh theatre, would revive in their native ſoil, too long over-run with the noxious weeds of ribaldry, nonſenſe, and a total diſregard to nature, decorum, or inſtruction! But how ſhort-lived was my dawn of fancied joy, when I found, that the alert French-man, far from being conducive to this wiſhed-for reformation, had as 'twere layed the ax to the root of the tree, and had given the *coup de grace* to the ſmall ſhare of true taſte that remained among us; by gaining ſo univerſal an applauſe to pieces, which neither he, nor any of his *mock-comedians*, dare attempt to repreſent in their own countrey. Give me a little attention, dear BAVIUS, and you ſhall be ſatisfied of the truth of what I ſay.

The morning after this extraordinary benefit, I went to a coffee-houſe, reſorted to by a great number of French. The laſt night's play at Lincolns-inn fields was the topic of converſation: and underſtanding that one of the company belonged to the French troop, I asked him, 'How 'long the play in queſtion had been in eſteem'? 'It is, ſays he, 'a very old piece, well known, and frequently 'ſhewn at Turin in Savoy, and in ſeveral parts of Italy, 'by the *Charlatans* or *Mountebanks* of thoſe countreys: 'but it never has been printed'. —— With juſt reaſon, I'm ſure: for the forced witticiſms are as unaffecting as the *Catalonian ſword* is pointleſs, or the prattle of *Harlequin Enfant* is *unentertaining*; or as his *ſalad of granadoes* is a diſh ſuitable to a refined taſte, accuſtomed to Attic ſalt, or Roman ſentiment: the whole being a compound of puns, ribaldry, and the moſt groveling *double entendres*. The previous account of this ſo much applauded piece, encouraged me to ask *Monſieur* what ſucceſs his troop had met with here. 'Oh, Sir, wonderfull; we 'act pieces here with the greateſt applauſe, which, if 'we attempted at home, we ſhould be ſtoned off the 'ſtage. But the Engliſh are indulgent; they muſt be 'amuſed: FRANCISQUE can do what he will with them; 'he can ſuit their palates with *drollery* and buffoonery; 'ſo that it may be juſtly ſayed, With them *Every rank 'fool goes down*. If, continues he, 'Some of the moſt 'elevated rank command a play, they always conclude 'their commands with an order, that it be *very ſhort*; 'and to add *a very long farce*'. —— As to this laſt particular, I'm a little dubious of his French veracity: for ſure 'tis impoſſible, that any *Engliſh-man*, who has been tranſported with the paſſionately-expreſſive images of SHAKESPEARE, or the melting ſoftneſs of OTWAY, or has been delighted with the fine humour of BEN JOHNSON, the elegant thoughts and diction of Mr. DRYDEN, or the genteel wit of Mr. CONGREVE, could ever give immediate ſanction to the low conceits and groveling invention of Farce, either *French* or *Engliſh*; or to the monkey tricks or groteſque poſtures of a *Merry-Andrew*, tho' diſguiſed under the name of *Monſieur* FRANCISQUE, or *Monſieur* LUN *ſenior* or *junior*.

Hiſtory celebrates our Engliſh ladies, as being the heroic inſtruments of our deliverance from the ſlavery and oppreſſion of a foreign tyranny. If their bright poſterity would undertake the extirpation of theſe foreign encroachments of folly and inconſiſtency, ſucceſs would certainly attend them: 'tis a cauſe worthy of them, and the means are not difficult. Let them but diſtinguiſh themſelves by a conſtant and numerous attendance at the repreſentation of our beſt plays, ſtill taking care to retire before any of our ſing-ſong heel-witted performances begin. Their anceſtors reſtored our liberty: let them reſtore good ſenſe, and the *Theatres* to their true and original inſtitution, to be the marts of honour and virtue, wit and humour.

Before I cloſe this letter, I muſt obſerve to you, Mr. BAVIUS, that among other new productions, a Paper called the *Prompter*, fell into my hands; the *author* of which ſeems to me to ſtand in need of a *Prompter* himſelf, where he recommends the tranſlating of the plays, acted by the French Company, into Engliſh. This propoſal, inſtead of an antidote, is an additional poiſon; and one would imagine, that meeting with little encouragement as an *Engliſh Prompter*, he is turned a *French Sifleur*, when he extolls the wit, humour, and *marvellous talents* of *Maitre* FRANCISQUE, tho' he and all his troop of ſtrollers declaim in a tone as diſagreeable, as the proverbial harſhneſs of a French Capuchin, without the leaſt tincture of fine elegance of diction, or juſtneſs of action.

I am yours, &c.

TRUE BRITON.

Mar. 1. 1734-5.

Tho' this gentleman's zeal againſt foreign ſtrollers may be very commendable, yet his cenſure ſeems too general; from which it is thought, by good judges, that *Meſſieurs* FRANCISQUE and DESSESSARS, with one or two of the actreſſes, ought to be excepted.

BAVIUS.

Mr. BAVIUS,

I HAVE now before me Mr. WHISTON's *Propoſals for a new Engliſh verſion of the genuine works of* FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS: which, according to our ſagacious Critic, are reduced to *twenty books of* JEWISH ANTIQUITIES, with the *Appendix*, *or Life* of the Hiſtorian, *written by himſelf*; *ſeven books of the* JEWISH WAR; *and two againſt* APION; for it ſeems, *The book of the martyrdom of the* MACCABEES is to be allowed no room in this edition. He tells us, that piece is *falſly aſcribed to* JOSEPHUS; and it is reaſonable to expect, he will oblige the public with his reaſons for pronouncing it ſpurious. The work in queſtion is generally acknowledged not unworthy of JOSEPHUS: but I forbear to ſay more on this ſubject, till I know what this great *reſtorer of primitive antiquity* will offer againſt the Jewiſh writer's claim to the ſaid book.

Mr. WHISTON, who has always diſtinguiſhed himſelf by diſcoveries, out of the reach of common heads, undertakes to prove, in a *Preliminary Diſſertation*, that JOSEPHUS's *Exhortation to the Greeks, concerning Hades, and the Reſurrection of the Dead*, was *no other than a homily of* JOSEPHUS, *when he was biſhop of Jeruſalem*. I will venture to ſay, that JOSEPHUS's being inveſted with the character of a Chriſtian biſhop, will prove ſurpriſing news to the learned. I am ready to own, with him, that we have not hitherto had any very good tranſlation of JOSEPHUS in Engliſh, either carefully made from the original Greek, or anſwering to the excellency of the author; but wiſh there was no appearance of the addition of one more, far from deſerving that character. We have here a paragraph out of *Book* III. *Chap.* 8. § 9 by way of ſpecimen of this new performance.

JOSEPHUS is there ſpeaking of the high prieſt's veſtment, στολὴ; which, he tells us, *left no room for the fraudulent practices of prophets*, (or ſuch as pretended to that character) *but if any ſhould abuſe the divine authority, left it entirely to God to be preſent at the ſacrifices, or not, as he pleaſed*; or, as ſome read it, *to aſſiſt the prieſt*, &c. He then proceeds to relate how this diſtinction was manifeſted, viz. by an extraordinary and præternatural ſplendor, iſſuing from one of the ſtones ſet in the high-prieſt's breaſt-plate. Mr. WHISTON, in the beginning of this paſſage, is pleaſed to read: 'For MOSES left no room 'for the evil practices, &c.' But why MOSES? Is it not plain from the very words in the original, Ὁ μέντοι περὶ τῆς ἀρχιερέως στολῆς παρέλιπον, διελθεῖν βούλομαι· δυσαμίθεν γὰρ προφητῶν κακουργίας καταλέλοιπεν ἀφορμήν, that the word to be ſupplied here is IT, viz. *the veſtment?* Accordingly the old *Latin* verſion reads, *nam ea veſtis*, &c. And Dr. HUDSON, in his tranſlation, which Mr. WHISTON juſtly calls *elegant* and *accurate*, has, *nam is* [veſtitus] *omnem prophetis fraudum & præſtigiarum anſam præcidebat.*

Again, JOSEPHUS tells his readers, that the preſence of God *was* thus *manifeſted not only to the Hebrews, but even to foreigners who chanced to be preſent.* Καὶ τοῦτο δ' οὐχ Ἑβραίοις μόνον ἤθελησεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν ξένων τοῖς παρατυγχάνουσι. This is very dryly rendered by our new tranſlator: 'And he was willing this ſhould be 'known not to the Hebrews only, but to thoſe fo-'reigners alſo who were there'.

The Jewiſh hiſtorian obſerves, that this oraculous tradition appeared *wonderful to ſuch as had not indulged the ſtudy of* [human] *wiſdom to the contempt of divine things* or *religion*: θαυμασὸν μὲν οὖν καὶ τοῦτο τοῖς μὴ τὴν σοφίαν ἐπ' ἐκφαυλισμῷ τῶν θείων ἠσκηκόσιν. Theſe words Mr. WHISTON, with his uſual elegance, renders: 'This 'has appeared a wonderful thing to ſuch as have not ſo 'far indulged themſelves in *philoſophy*, as to deſpiſe *di-'vine revelation*.'

I could add ſome more remarks on the ſhort ſpecimen; but think theſe ſufficient to let the public ſee how well the undertaker of this new tranſlation is likely to perform the task. If you are pleaſed to allow this a place in your next, you will oblige, at leaſt, one of

your conſtant readers,

ORTHODOXUS.

Grays-inn, Feb. 10, 1734.

Tho' Mr. WHISTON will no doubt vindicate his own tranſlation; I can not but obſerve, that ORTHODOXUS, in tranſlating the ſecond paſſage, has added *the preſence of God was thus*, which is not in the original; and has omitted ἠθέλησεν, a very material word, which muſt referr, either to GOD, or MOSES.

BAVIUS.

Κυνὸς ὄμματ' ἔχων. Hom. Il. 1.

1.

Since dogs had of old,
As ÆSOP has told,
Both reaſon and ſpeech like mankind:
I'll ſing, in this age,
How two dogs of the ſtage,
In a comical dialogue join'd.

2.

Of theſe Harlequin foes,
One in Britain firſt roſe;
Who cou'd ſneak, fawn, howl, cut a caper:
The other from France,
Hither taking a dance,
Grew ſawcy, and loudly did vapour.

3.
This provoked the ſpleen,
Of Engliſh Harlequin,
To bark out his paſſionate ſpite thus:
Such a pack of ſad dogs,
Let loos'd from their plogs,
How dar'd you bring over to bite us?

4.
When firſt you came o'er,
You look'd mangy and poor;
And only your bitches were fat:
But now ſtuff'd with good chear,
You, like them, plump appear;
And grin, bark, and dance with *éclat*.

5.
To this the Mounſieur,
Reply'd with a ſneer;
Your ſad caſe, my dear friend, I bemoan:
But the true Engliſh taſte,
Is now changed at laſt,
To preferr foreign currs to your own.

6.
Then, good Brother Spot,
Be content with your lot;
'Tis in vain to fret, ſnarl, or to frown:
For a French Harlequin,
Be he ever ſo mean,
Will now charm the bright part of your Town.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *White-hall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 6. Yeſterday morning his majeſty went incognito to ſee the houſe and fine gardens of his royal highneſs the prince of Wales in Pallmall. *C. DJ.* —— If his majeſty went incog. *why do my brethren preſume to make it* known?

We hear that three millions are to be raiſed for the ſervice of the current year, viz. one million land-tax at 2s. in the pound, one million to be applied out of the ſinking fund; 750,000 l. the malt-tax, and 500,000 l. a further mortgage on the ſalt-duty. *DA.* — For 4 years. *DJ.*

We hear, that a bill will be brought into parliament for regulating the number of houſes for playing interludes, and for the better regulating of common players of interludes. *DJ.* —— Sir John Barnard has offered a propoſal. *C. DA.* — My brother, *who worded the title of this* bill, *ſeems not to know what an* interlude *is.*

Yeſterday her grace the jun. dutcheſs of Marlborough was ſafely delivered of a daughter. *C. P. DJ. DA.*

A bill will be offered to parliament this ſeſſions, to lay a tax on batchelors and widowers, in order to raiſe a fund for the maintenance of baſtard children. *DA.* — *It is but juſt, that they who* get baſtards, *ſhould* maintain *them.*

We hear that the bounty-money upon account of exportation of corn, paid the government ſince the late demands commenced from abroad, amounts to almoſt 200,000 l. *DA.*

The South-ſea Company yeſterday received advice of the king of Spain's having granted them a ſchedula for ſending a ſhip this year to La Vera Cruz, agreeable to the Aſſiento contract. *DJ.*

Married laſt monday John Beſt, of Wallham-green, Eſq; to Miſs Harper, a great fortune. *C.*

Died on ſunday at Hammerſmith, Zaccheus Breedon, Eſq; only ſon of Sir Rob. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 7. We hear that Sir Geo. Walton, admiral of the Blue, reſign'd his commiſſion yeſterday to retire upon half-pay; and that Capt. Purvis, lately made one of the commiſſioners of the navy, will have the vacant flag. *DA.* —— This report is entirely without foundation. *DP. Mar.* 8.

The ſeveral ſhips of Sir John Norris's ſquadron, which are fitting out in their ſeveral harbours, in order to ſail as ſoon as poſſible, conſiſt of 48 ſhips of the line, 4 fire ſhips, 3 bomb-ketches, and 4 hoſpital ſhips, beſides tenders, &c. *P.*

On wedneſday the lords commiſſioners appointed Mr. Bryon, nephew to Sir Rob. Walpole's ſteward, to be door-keeper to the Treaſury, a place worth 100 l. per ann. *C.* —— Mr. Bryan, to be one of their meſſengers to their lordſhips. *DJ.* —— Yeſterday his grace the duke of Devonſhire appointed Mr. Hewit, his ſecretary, to be groom of his majeſty's Wood-yard at Whitehall *DP.*

Sir Cordiel Firebrace is choſen member for the county of Suffolk; and Sir Hen. Norcott for the city of Exeter. *DJ.* — The election for Exeter will come on next week. *LE. Mar.* 8.

Yeſterday morning about 1 a fire broke out at Mr. Le Fontain's Coffee-houſe in Marybon-ſtreet, occaſion'd by the head of a ſtill flying off; which intirely burnt down that houſe [and a ſhoemaker's. *C.*] and greatly damag'd ſeveral others. *DJ. DA.*

We hear that Williams, the pyrate, is to be hang'd at Execution-dock on tueſday. *DP.* ——'Tis reſpited 'till friday. *DP. Mar.* 8.

Died yeſterday Sir John Fielder, of Brampton in Derby-ſhire, and dying a batchelor, his eſtate of 2000 l. per ann. comes to his nephew Mr. Steph. Arnold, a ſtudent in Oriel college, Oxon. *DA.* —— At Cambridge, the rev. Mr. Jefferies, B. D. one of the ſenior fellows of Pembroke-hall. *P. DA.* —— On wedneſday. *C. DJ.* —— The ſame day at Acton, Mr. Will. Sloan, a gentleman of a fine eſtate, in the county of Middleſex. *C.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 8. Yeſterday Mr. Gaskery, ſecretary to Sir Cha. Wager, was appointed chief comptroller of the Six-penny office. *C. DJ.* — Mr. Gaſhrey: this office is to receive the 6 d. that is paid to Greenwich-hoſpital out of each ſailor's pay per month, as well men of war as merchants. *DP.*

The lords of the admiralty have appointed Mr. Swale, one of the clerks of the Navy-office, to be door-keeper to the commiſſioners. *DP.*

Yeſterday 2 s. in the pound was granted for the land-tax. *DJ.*

Laſt thurſday Charles Hanbury Williams, Eſq; was choſen without oppoſition a knight of the ſhire for the county of Monmouth. *DJ.*

Yeſterday Mr. John Culm was unanimouſly choſen apothecary to the hoſpital at Hyde park corner. *LE.*

Laſt tueſday as —— Lloyd, Eſq; was coming in his coach from old Sarum, attended by 2 horſemen, was ſtopt by 4 highwaymen, well mounted, who after exchanging ſome ſhot on each ſide, robbed Mr. Lloyd of money, &c. to the value of 400 l. and cutting the ſervants horſes bridles, &c. made off undiſcover'd. *C.*

Died, on ſaturday Bevill Higgons, Eſq; *P.* —— Author of the *Critical review of the hiſtory of England.* DA. —— *And of ſeveral other pieces in proſe and verſe.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 10. Yeſterday the right rev. lord biſhop of Norwich preached before their majeſties, &c. *C. DA.* —— Laſt week the rev. Mr. Bullock was ſworn in one of his majeſty's chaplains in ordinary. *DP.* —— His majeſty has been pleaſed to reprieve John Barkſhire for 14 years tranſportation. *C.* — For 14 days. *DJ.*

Saturday being the anniverſary of Q. Anne's acceſſion to the throne, the ſame was uſher'd in with ringing of bells, &c. *DP.*

Laſt tueſday night the aſſizes ended for the county of Hertford, when one perſon received ſentence of death. *C. P. DP.* —— On wedneſday morning. *DA.* —— —— On ſaturday at Chelmsford, when 6 perſons received ſentence of death. *C. P. DP.*

Will. Williams, *alias* Fawkner, had his coffin brought into the cells on friday, in which he has lain every night ſince. *DP.*

Yeſterday two men well-dreſſed came to Kingſton church, and were let into the bailiff's ſeat, and ſtaid there till the people were all gone, and then cut off the gold lace, taſſels, and fringe from the pulpit and desk: the ſexton woman happened to ſpy what they were about, attacked one of them, and got him down, but the other knocked her down, and then they made their eſcape. But one of them has been taken at Sanbury. *P.*

On friday night one Barnfield was committed to Newgate, on ſuſpicion of being one of the Eſſex gang, ſeveral goods of Mr. Wooldridge being found upon him. *DP.*

The right rev. Dr. Rundle, biſhop of Londonderry, is dangerouſly ill. *DA.*

Married, laſt week, Hen. Lowton of Harborn in Staffordſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Biſhop, a beautiful young gentlewoman, with a fortune of 5000 l. *C.*

On monday 3 plaiſterers, having a quarrel with lord Sidney Beauclerk's coachman, at a brandy-ſhop in Marlborough-row, one of them broke a cane-chair to pieces, and diſtributing the ſticks to his companions, they beat the coachman in ſo miſerable a manner, that he died on friday. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 11. We hear that 10,000 l. will be granted by parliament, towards eſtabliſhing the new colony of Georgia in America. *DJ.* —— 30,000 l. *DA. Mar.* 12.

Andrew Wilkiſon, Eſq; is choſen member of parliament for Aldborough. *DA.*

At Kilverſton, within a mile of Thetford in Norfolk, an uncommon hurricane happened a few days ago, which blew the tiles off a farm-houſe, and carry'd them ſome way in the air; it alſo blew the lead off the church, and levell'd a piece of high furrow'd land, juſt as if it had been harrow'd down; it blew the water out of the river, and carry'd it a furlong and a half; it alſo blew a hurdle from a ſheepfold, and carry'd it over the tops of the houſes: this hurricane held but a ſhort time, did not extend above a mile in circumference, and ended in a very ſulphurous ſmell. *P. DP.*

Briſtol, Mar. 8. On wedneſday laſt was committed to Newgate Capt. J. Newth, for the murder of his wife. He owns the horrid fact with great agony of mind, and ſeemingly very penitent, has neither eat or drank any thing but water ſince his confinement. The harlot who occaſioned the quarrel goes by the name of J—e K—g. *C. P.*

A gentleman's ſervant at Trowbridge being ſent to receive 500 l. inſtead of returning to his maſter, got on board a ſhip at Briſtol, which by ſome accident being obliged to ſtay 'till next day to refit, the fellow was diſcovered and taken. *DA.*

On wedneſday the aſſizes ended at Aylesbury for the county of Bucks, when two malefactors received ſentence of death. *DA.*

Died on ſunday in Maiden-lane, Covent garden, Sir John Suffield, Knt. *DA.*

Yeſterday 13 malefactors were executed at Tyburn. *C.* — Walker died in Newgate, [his body is to be hung in chains. *DP.*] Fielder, Roſe and Buſh were hung in chains near Edgeware, and the bodies of Eliz. Ambrooke, of Guilford and Jacks, were delivered to the ſurgeons. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 12. His majeſty has been pleaſed to approve of a plan for building the row of ſtables on the weſt ſide of the mews at Charing-croſs, after the manner of thoſe on the north ſide. *P.* —— The right hon. the earl of Eſſex, his majeſty's ambaſſador to the court of Turin, has put off his departure for ſome days. *DJ.* — *I take this for a* put off *of my* brother's.

We hear that his royal highneſs the duke will make a voyage up the Mediterranean this ſpring, on board Sir John Norris, in order to improve him in the practical part of navigation. *C.*

Monday night the right hon. Sir William Strickland. Bar. reſigned the office of ſecretary at war, on account of his bodily infirmities; which office we hear will be conferred on Sir Will. Yonge, and that Hen. Bromley. Eſq; will ſucceed Sir William. *DP. DA.*

Will. Pitt, Eſq; is choſen member for Old Sarum. *DA.* ——Jacob Hoblon, Eſq; has carried his election at Colcheſter, by a majority of about 380 *P.* —— Againſt Stamp Brooksbank, Eſq; member there in the laſt parliament. 381. *DP. DJ.* ——About 400. *DA.*

Died laſt week, near Holiport in Buckinghamſhire, major Mannars, in his 75th year. *P.*

On ſaturday morning Mr. John Caſtle, one of the maſter carpenters at Woolwich, was found murdered near New-croſs by Deptford. *DJ.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. BAVIUS,

THAT man, in my judgment, has a happy, as well as a juſt way of thinking, who improves his own diligence and aſſiduity, in whatſoever art or profeſſion he is maſter of, into that of his offspring: and after having been uſeful or entertaining in his own generation, endeavours to raiſe to himſelf ſome additional ſhare of merit, from the actions of others; which will prove a more laſting monument of glory than all the high encomiums grav'd on a marble pillar cou'd procure him. This reflection naturally leads me to acquaint you, that having met with ſome of Mr. HIPPESLEY's bills for his enſuing benefit, whereby, I find, he intends his daughter ſhall make her firſt appearance on the ſtage in the character of CHERRY, in the *Stratagem*; I was induc'd, by my curioſity, to endeavour at the ſatisfaction of learning how well qualify'd ſhe was for ſuch an undertaking. The father's perſonal merit in the comic way heighten'd this curioſity, and my acquaintance with him eaſily procur'd me the deſir'd ſatisfaction. Upon hearing her rehearſe, I own I receiv'd a conſiderable ſhare of pleaſure, and am fully perſuaded (if, without the imputation of being an affecter of novelty, I may be allow'd to uſe the word) ſhe does really *patrize*. To enter into her praiſe might probably injure the girl, by raiſing the expectations of the audience too high. All I ſhall ſay is, That I highly applauded his deſign, as well as his choice, in annexing the Farce of the *Toyſhop* to his play; which having already receiv'd the approbation of the town, it would appear vain in me to launch out in its praiſes. I flatter myſelf, the judges of humour will be on my ſide, when the girl ſhall appear; and that the applauſes of a crowded audience will ſhew the ſenſe they entertain of Mr. HIPPESLEY's endeavours, by all means, to divert the town, and that his labours have not been in vain.

I am, Sir, &c.

IT having been aſſerted by MISOKUON in our laſt *Journal*, that 'a gentleman in the Tower, who had 'been bitten by a mad dog, and dipped a dozen times in 'ſalt water, went raving mad a month after, and beat 'his brains out againſt a wall'; we think ourſelves obliged to contradict that aſſertion, upon the authority of the unfortunate gentleman's brother, who was with him in his laſt moments. He has aſſured us, that he died ſeven weeks after he had been dipped, and in all that time was not deprived of his reaſon; that no perſon ever went through the ſame misfortune with more eaſineſs; and that he died at laſt in his bed.

SIR,

THE following lines upon Sir R. W's *motto*, have been lately handed about in manuſcript.

FARI QUAE SENTIAT.

An titulus velit à fuco quòd abhorreat omni
WALPOLIVS, *vel quòd polleat eloquio,*
Sit doctos penes: arridet mihi ſenſus uterque;
Namque ea quæ ſentit, vultque, valetque loqui.

In ENGLISH.

Whether the motto make pretence
To honeſty, or eloquence,
I'll not determine; but muſt ſay,
It ſuits the ſubject every way:
For what he thinks he'll frankly tell;
And envy owns he does it well.

Since our laſt we have received *The Lover's auction*; a *Letter* concerning Dr. MIDDLETON's late *Diſſertation*; another relating to *cold pudding*; a third ſigned APPENDIX; and three *copies of verſes*.

They write from Scotland, that the maſter of the free-ſchool at Pirth having had the tragedy of Geo. Barnwell acted by the boys under his tuition, two miniſters were deputed to acquaint him with the offence it had given the Kirk; and the miniſter of the place preached a ſermon the next ſunday on the ſins and corruptions of the age, rebuking the ſchool-maſter for proſtituting his ſchool to the buffooneries of a ſtage. Theſe pious gentlemen not ſtopping here, have began a proſecution, in order to turn the poor man out of his bread. *DA.—They take* plays *to be as great an abomination as* popery.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 6. Two ſervants of the Portugal ambaſſador at Madrid lately reſcued a criminal from the officers of juſtice, whereupon, by the king of Spain's order, a party of ſoldiers forced into the ambaſſador's houſe, and took 19 of his ſervants priſoners: he immediately took down the arms of Portugal from over his portico, retired to a village ſome diſtance from Madrid, and diſpatch'd a meſſenger to his court. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 7. —— *Genoa, Feb.* The affairs of Corſica grow ſtill worſe and worſe; the rebels are maſters of Balague, which is the beſt province in the iſland, and they have burnt the publick laws and ſtatutes, intending for the time to come, we ſuppoſe, to govern among themſelves without them. *DJ.*

We hear that the expreſs which arrived on wedneſday night from France, brought advice, that the French court received the new plan for an accommodation with a ſhrug or two, but in much better temper than imagin'd. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 8. —— *Vienna, Mar.* 4. The negotiations of the court of Warſaw with the Polanders, adherents to king Staniſlaus, meet with very little ſucceſs, becauſe Potocki perſiſts in having the command of the crown army continued to him, and demands the payment of arrears due to his troops, with 3 months pay advance. *DJ.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 10. Gen. Steinflicht, who accompanied king Staniſlaus in his memorable retreat from Dantzick, has made an irruption into his Imperial majeſties territories in Sileſia, at the head of 17,000 Poles, carrying fire and ſword wherever he advanced, The booty he gained in taking the late convoy going from Dreſden to Warſaw, amounts to 400,000 florins, beſides 50,000 crowns in ſpecies; together with the military chancery, which contained ſome papers of great importance: 12 coaches and ſix filled with ladies belonging to king Auguſtus's court, fell into his hands at the ſame time. The Poliſh army under the command of count Tarlo, has driven the Saxons from their poſts in the palatinates of Kaliſch and Poſnania, carried the towns of Liſſa and Carga by ſtorm, and burnt the vaſt magazines which the Saxons had at Frauſtadt. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 12. 'Tis confirm'd, that the Poles are in Sileſia, and carry all before them: they are marching directly towards Saxony. *DA.*

Letters from Rome ſay the Spaniards opened the trenches before Orbitello the 1ſt inſt. and began to batter it with 6 pieces of cannon. —— They write from Paris, that new orders are ſent to all the ports for haſtening the equipment of a numerous fleet. *DP.* —— 60 ſail. *DA.*

Venice, Mar. 5. The Turks have actually 20,000 men in Boſnia, and 25,000 in Turkiſh Croatia, with a train of 36 pieces of ordnance, 700 horſes laden with powder, and 800 camels with ball. *DA. DP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 11. —— *Berlin, Mar.* 12. 18 or 20,000 Poles are come to the banks of the Oder, their deſign being to make an irruption into Luſatia or Saxony; and ſome advices from the frontiers ſay, great numbers of them have actually paſſed that river at Croſſen, a town belonging to his Pruſſian majeſty. *DJ.* —— They are got into Saxony. *P.*

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